



General Assembly

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Referred to Committee on VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Introduced by:  
(VA)

**AN ACT CONCERNING VETERAN ENROLLMENT IN CERTAIN  
ALTERNATE ROUTE TO CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 10-145w of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

3 (a) As used in this section, "person from an alternate profession"  
4 means a person who (1) holds at least a bachelor's degree from an  
5 institution of higher education accredited by the Board of Regents for  
6 Higher Education or Office of Higher Education or that is regionally  
7 accredited, and (A) is a paraeducator, (B) is a veteran, as defined in  
8 section 27-103, (C) holds a charter school educator permit, issued by  
9 the State Board of Education pursuant to section 10-145q, or (D) is  
10 employed or was previously employed as a professor at an accredited  
11 institution of higher education, as defined in section 10a-34, or (2)  
12 holds a master's degree from a social work program accredited by the  
13 Council on Social Work Education or, for any person educated outside  
14 the United States or its territories, an educational program deemed  
15 equivalent by the council.

16 (b) (1) The Department of Education, in consultation with the Office  
17 of Higher Education, shall develop or review and approve proposals  
18 for alternate route to certification programs for persons from an  
19 alternate profession. Any alternate route to certification program  
20 developed or approved under this section shall [(1)] (A) include  
21 instruction in classroom management and cultural competency, [(2)]  
22 (B) align with the standards of teaching competencies adopted by the  
23 State Board of Education, and [(3)] (C) meet such other criteria as the  
24 department requires.

25 (2) Any alternate route to certification program developed or  
26 approved under this section shall reserve fifteen per cent of available  
27 seats for persons from an alternate profession described in  
28 subparagraph (B) of subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section. If  
29 such seats are not filled by such persons from an alternate profession,  
30 such seats shall be made available for all persons from an alternate  
31 profession described in subsection (a) of this section.

32 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (d) of section 10-  
33 145b, on and after July 1, 2019, the State Board of Education, upon  
34 receipt of a proper application, shall issue an initial educator  
35 certificate, which shall be valid for three years, to any person who (1)  
36 successfully completed an alternate route to certification program  
37 developed or approved under this section, and (2) meets the  
38 requirements established in subsection (b) of section 10-145f.

39 (d) The department shall include on its Internet web site a  
40 description of, and the requirements for, each alternate route to  
41 certification program for persons from an alternate profession  
42 developed or approved by the department.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2019	10-145w

**VA**      *Joint Favorable*